



AG Clears New Jersey Troopers In Traffic Scuffle

Finds No Excessive Force Used

(AP) TRENTON Three state troopers accused of using excessive force against a motorist during a traffic stop in Cumberland County have been cleared by state Attorney General Peter Harvey.

But Troopers Craig Brown, Frederick Fife and Robert Parry are still the focus of a federal civil rights lawsuit in which the motorist, Aundrey Green, claims he was beaten while handcuffed three years ago.

Green filed the lawsuit last January. In it, he says a state police videotape shows the troopers punching and kicking him and hitting him with a flashlight.

Harvey ordered the Office of State Police Affairs to review the incident after the lawsuit was filed. The review included a frame-by-frame analysis of the video and concluded the force used by the troopers was appropriate.

"They found no excessive force and they concurred with the findings of the internal investigation, which showed no excessive use of force," Attorney General spokesman Paul Loriquet said.

Vincent Sanzone, Green's attorney, objected to Harvey's ruling.

"I'm looking forward to a time when a jury looks at this tape and tells the attorney general he doesn't know what he's talking about," Sanzone said.

A trial date in U.S. District Court in Camden remains to be set for the case.

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